

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 3-6 are added.

No new matter is added by the above amendments. The amendments are supported by the original specification and claims. The new claims are supported in the original specification at, for example, page 31, line 23 - page 35, line 21. The low pass filter recited in some of the new claims is part of the reference value calculation unit 52 of Fig. 2. Also see, for example, page 35, lines 9-21.

In the parent application (Application No. 10/347,689) claims 1 and 2 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 6,393,215 to Washisu. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

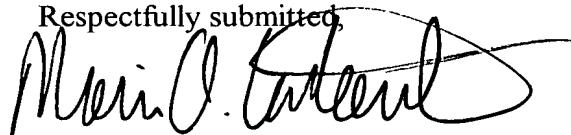
In rejecting independent claim 1, the Office Action referred to col. 10, lines 6-11 of Washisu as teaching the claim 1 vibration state judgment unit that judges a state of the vibration of the vibration correcting optical device to be one of at least three states, based upon the vibration detection signal. At col. 10, lines 6-11, Washisu states that "a vibration signal from the vibration detection device 19 is also entered into the camera microcomputer 11, and the camera microcomputer 11 determines from the vibration state whether the camera is held by hands or is fixed on a tripod or on the ground. "

Applicant respectfully submits that the above-quoted passage from Washisu, relied upon in the Office Action, does not teach or suggest at least three states. Rather, only two states are disclosed: (1) the camera is held by hands, and (2) the camera is fixed. The Washisu patent does not disclose or suggest distinguishing between whether the camera is fixed on a tripod or whether the camera is fixed on the ground. There is no disclosure of how a determination is made between whether the camera is fixed on a tripod or on the ground. Applicant respectfully submits that the relied upon passage from Washisu merely identified a tripod or the ground as examples of structures on which a camera may be fixed. Washisu does

not teach how to distinguish between the various different structures. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that Washisu only discloses two states, whether the camera is held by hands or whether the camera is fixed. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that neither independent claim 1 nor its dependent claims are anticipated or rendered obvious by Washisu.

Examination and allowance in due course are earnestly solicited.

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